

Comprehensive Plan Update Schedule

- On January 24th the City Council, Planning Commission, Economic Development Authority met in joint work session and agreed that the City would move forward with process to update the current Plan. At the January 24th Work Session, the following topics were addressed:
 - an overview of the requirements Comprehensive Plans from the Code of Virginia (Section 15.2-2223), [Process Presentation part 1 2014 Jan 24](#)
 - an overview of the three components of the Comprehensive Plan and a general comparison of these components to the Leadership in Environment and Energy Design (LEED) principles for Sustainable Neighborhoods, and [Process Presentation part 2 2014 Jan 24](#) [Citizens Guide LEED -ND](#)
 - a schedule to move forward. [Process Presentation part 3 2014 Jan 24](#)
- On February 26th, 7:30 pm, the Planning Commission will host an Initial Public Forum. The Forum will be a televised public meeting where the groundwork for the coming year's planning process would be laid out. The principal focus of the meeting will be to explain the process by which the Plan will be developed, the contents and policies underlying the 2007 Plan, and how development has or has not unfolded as planned. Demographic and economic information will be presented to provide context for development of a new Plan. Citizen comments will be welcome.
- March-April – A revised Key Areas section will be presented to the Planning Commission and the public for comment, review, and preliminary agreement.
- May-June – A revised Key Issues section will be presented to the Planning Commission and the public for comment, review, and preliminary agreement.
- July-August – A revised Land Use Planning Areas section will be presented to the Planning Commission and the public for comment, review, and preliminary agreement.
- September – Proposed Plan completed and distributed for review.
- October – Planning Commission conducts public hearing and recommends Adoption.
- November – Proposed Plan presented to City Council.
- December – City Council public hearing with subsequent adoption.

Following adoption of updated Goals, Policies, and Initiatives, work on a series of more specific Area Plans would commence in 2015. The intent is for these Area Plans to more specifically and effectively implement the updated Goals, Policies, and Initiatives.